

REMARKS

Claims 10-19 are pending in the present application and stand rejected. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 10 and 17-19 are amended and claim 16 is cancelled. The Examiner's reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner had objected to Applicants' previous amendments to paragraphs 42 and 45 of the specification in the previous Office Action. Applicants' representatives had proposed amendments to paragraphs 42 and 45 of the specification in a discussion with Examiner Blair on September 21, 2007. While no formal agreement was made, the Examiner had indicated that the proposed amendments to the specification would likely be accepted. The proposed amendments to the specification are incorporated above.

Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – §102

Claims 10-15 and claim 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Lonroth for the reasons presented by the Examiner in paragraphs 11-19 of the Office Action.

Applicants' representatives had also proposed amendments to claims 10 and 17-19 in the discussion with Examiner Blair on September 21, 2007. While no formal agreement was made, the Examiner had indicated that the claims in their proposed form would likely be allowable. The substance of the proposed claim amendments are incorporated above. In

particular, claim 10 is amended to incorporate subject matter from claim 16, which was deemed allowable by the Examiner, and claims 17-19 are amended to depend from claim 10.

Accordingly, Lonroth does not anticipate claim 10. Moreover, claims 11-15 and 17-19 are believed patentable over Lonroth at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 10.

Withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application, including claims 1-15 and 17-19 is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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